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SUBJ: MEAT INSPECTION

1. PLEASE DELIVER FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM DR F J MULHERN,
ADMINISTRATOR, APHIS/USDA, TO DR K WELLS, VETERINARY DIRECTOR
GENERAL, CANADA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.

2. MESSAGE- THE TALMADGE-AIKEN ACT WAS PASSED BY CONGRESS IN
1962. UNDER THIS LAW, CERTAIN STATE PERSONNEL ARE LICENSED BY USDA
TO CONDUCT FEDERAL INSPECTION IN THESE SPECIAL CATEGORY PLANTS.
THEY USE FEDERAL PROCEDURES IN ENFORCING ALL US STANDARDS OF
CONSTRUCTION, FACILITIES, LABELING, SANITATION, ETC. THESE
PLANTS OPERATE UNDER A FEDERAL GRANT OF INSPECTION INCLUDING
FEDERAL MARKS OF INSPECTION. THESE ESTABLISHMENTS AND THE INSPECTORS
THEREIN ARE UNDER THE DIRECT SUPERVISION OF USDA/APHIS SUPERVISORY
PERSONNEL.

3. THE TALMADGE-AIKEN PLANTS ARE THUS AN INTEGRAL, AND FOR PRACTICAL
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PURPOSES, AN INDISTINGUISHABLE PART OF OUR MEAT AND POULTRY

INSPECTION PROGRAM. ACCORDINGLY, THE PRODUCTS THEY PREPARE MAY BE DISTRIBUTED IN COMMERCE WITHIN THE US AND MAY ALSO BE EXPORTED. IN THE PAST, THE STATUS OF THESE PLANTS HAS BEEN THE SUBJECT OF SOME MISUNDERSTANDING AND CONFUSION BETWEEN OUR RESPECTIVE INSPECTION SERVICES. SEVERAL TALMADGE-AIKEN PLANTS, PARTICULARLY SOME OF THOSE IN THE STATE OF MICHIGAN, HAVE RECENTLY REPORTED THAT THEY ARE UNABLE TO EXPORT THEIR PRODUCTS TO CANADA.

4. IN OUR RECENT CONVERSATIONS, I UNDERSTOOD YOU MAY NOW RECONSIDER THE MATTER OF YOUR ACCEPTANCE TALMADGE-AIKEN PLANTS AS BEING ELIGIBLE TO EXPORT THEIR MEAT AND POULTRY PRODUCTS TO CANADA. IF SO, I WOULD APPRECIATE A CONFIRMATORY MESSAGE FROM YOU AT YOUR EARLIEST CONVENIENCE. END MESSAGE. RUSH

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